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**Third Straight Month of Job Growth Confirms Economic Recovery**

Job creation in Minnesota kicked into high gear this spring. The number of seasonally-adjusted nonfarm payroll jobs increased three straight months, signalling an end to our brief economic downturn. The 17,700 jobs added in May and June exceeded the 13,500 lost from last October through March. Minnesota's job count is again at an all-time high.

The most recent month's figures for Minnesota are extraordinary for two reasons. First, the state had its largest May-to-June gain in actual jobs (before seasonal adjustment) for the past 11 years. Second, after seasonal adjustment, every major industry group added workers. That hasn't happened since October 1989. Job growth is not only strong, it is also broad based. The formerly weak sectors -- construction, manufacturing, trade and transportation -- are starting to recall workers. Financial and other services continue to add jobs. Even government was showing positive, though erratic, growth through June.

How shallow was the recession in Minnesota? The number of jobs only declined for five months, half as long as in the nation. And at no time during 1990 or 1991 was the monthly job count lower than the previous year's tally. The U.S. continues to have fewer jobs than a year earlier, with all industries except transportation affected more severely there than here. Minnesota's most surprisingly strong industry is financial services. Banks, credit agencies, brokers, insurance companies and real estate firms all employ more people now than last year.

# Minnesota Labor Market Review

*August 1991*

## Current Labor Force Estimates

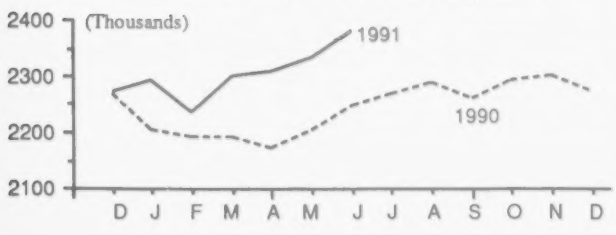
| | Minnesota (In Thousands) | | | % Change From | | United States (In Thousands) | | | % Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Jun 91 | May 91 | Jun 90 | May 91 | Jun 90 | Jun 91 | May 91 | Jun90 | May 91 | Jun 90 |
| Labor Force | 2499.2 | 2467.4 | 2419.7 | 1.3 | 3.3 | 127,054 | 124,857 | 124,307 | 1.8 | 0.6 |
| Employment | 2380.2 | 2331.0 | 2308.7 | 2.1 | 3.1 | 118,280 | 116,624 | 119,605 | 1.4 | -1.1 |
| Unemployment | 118.9 | 136.4 | 110.7 | -22.8 | 7.4 | 8,774 | 8,233 | 6,702 | 6.6 | 30.9 |
| Actual Unemp. Rate | 4.8 | 5.5 | 4.6 | - | - | 6.9 | 6.6 | 5.3 | - | - |
| Seasonally Adj. Rate | - | - | - | - | - | 7.0 | 6.9 | 5.3 | - | - |

Unemployment usually goes up when students flood the labor markets in summer, but this year the economic recovery may be an offsetting factor. The state unemployment rate fell to 4.8% in June, bringing its six-month average to 5.5%. That's not a whole lot different from the 5.1% during the first half of 1990. The job market in Minnesota has gotten only a little bit tighter, with renewed signs that easing may be coming.

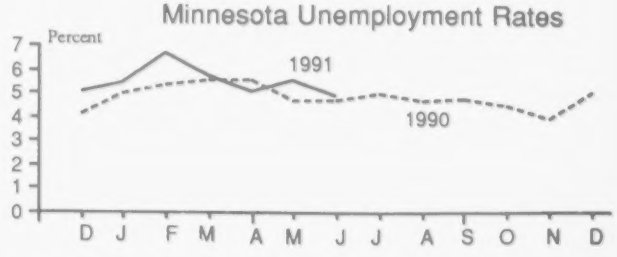
*By Don Hilber*

## Minnesota Employment and Unemployment Rates - 1990 and 1991

### Minnesota Total Employment




### Minnesota Unemployment Rates



# Minnesota Nonfarm Wage & Salary Jobs, Hours & Earnings

| INDUSTRY | EMPLOYMENT 1/ (thousands) | | | PERCENT CHANGE FROM | | PRODUCTION WORKERS & HOURS & EARNINGS 2/ | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | Average Weekly Earnings | | Average Weekly Hours | | Average Hourly Earnings | |
| | June 1991 | May 1991 | June 1990 | May 1991 | June 1990 | June 1991 | June 1990 | June 1991 | June 1990 | June 1991 | June 1990 |
| Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary | 2,172.9 | 2,148.6 | 2,162.3 | 1.1 | 0.5 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Goods Producing | 490.6 | 474.7 | 500.2 | 3.3 | -1.9 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Mining | 8.9 | 8.7 | 8.6 | 2.2 | 3.3 | 673.50 | 633.68 | 44.9 | 44.5 | 15.00 | 14.24 |
| Metal Mining | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.4 | 0.4 | 3.3 | 712.07 | 653.75 | 44.7 | 43.7 | 15.93 | 14.96 |
| Construction | 83.3 | 76.3 | 88.2 | 9.2 | -5.6 | 688.91 | 630.11 | 40.5 | 38.8 | 17.01 | 16.24 |
| Manufacturing | 398.4 | 389.8 | 403.3 | 2.2 | -1.2 | 466.97 | 449.92 | 40.5 | 40.1 | 11.53 | 11.22 |
| Durable Goods | 224.7 | 222.1 | 232.4 | 1.1 | -3.3 | 486.93 | 466.75 | 41.3 | 40.8 | 11.79 | 11.44 |
| Lumber and Furniture | 23.6 | 22.4 | 23.4 | 5.4 | 0.7 | 541.58 | 498.51 | 41.5 | 38.2 | 13.05 | 13.05 |
| Stone, Clay and Glass | 9.0 | 8.5 | 9.3 | 5.5 | -3.8 | 514.29 | 501.40 | 43.4 | 42.6 | 11.85 | 11.77 |
| Primary Metals | 6.2 | 6.2 | 6.5 | -0.2 | -4.7 | 503.18 | 463.01 | 42.0 | 41.6 | 11.98 | 11.13 |
| Fabricated Metals | 33.7 | 33.6 | 34.7 | 0.3 | -3.0 | 517.91 | 495.07 | 41.7 | 42.9 | 12.42 | 11.54 |
| Industrial Machinery | 73.4 | 73.5 | 77.3 | -0.1 | -5.0 | 515.42 | 478.39 | 41.3 | 40.1 | 12.48 | 11.93 |
| Office and Computing | 32.6 | 32.3 | 34.4 | 0.8 | -5.2 | 551.00 | 507.10 | 43.8 | 42.4 | 12.58 | 11.96 |
| Electronic Equipment | 29.4 | 29.1 | 30.4 | 1.2 | -3.1 | 401.70 | 400.16 | 41.2 | 41.0 | 9.75 | 9.76 |
| Transportation Equipment | 10.7 | 10.5 | 11.6 | 1.3 | -7.7 | 470.30 | 533.58 | 38.9 | 43.7 | 12.09 | 12.21 |
| Instruments and Related | 32.9 | 32.6 | 33.1 | 0.9 | -0.5 | 440.75 | 427.22 | 41.0 | 41.0 | 10.75 | 10.42 |
| Misc. Manufacturing | 5.9 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 1.8 | -5.0 | 391.64 | 411.64 | 38.7 | 37.8 | 10.12 | 10.89 |
| Nondurable Goods | 173.8 | 167.7 | 170.9 | 3.6 | 1.7 | 443.52 | 429.94 | 39.6 | 39.3 | 11.20 | 10.94 |
| Food & Beverage Products | 52.7 | 48.2 | 50.2 | 9.5 | 5.0 | 397.77 | 383.55 | 39.5 | 39.5 | 10.07 | 9.71 |
| Textiles & Apparel | 4.9 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 2.6 | -3.3 | 290.60 | 288.62 | 35.7 | 34.9 | 8.14 | 8.27 |
| Paper Products | 35.4 | 34.4 | 34.6 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 571.20 | 551.46 | 42.5 | 42.0 | 13.44 | 13.13 |
| Printing and Publishing | 52.5 | 52.3 | 51.9 | 0.3 | 1.2 | 410.70 | 420.00 | 36.9 | 37.5 | 11.13 | 11.20 |
| Chemicals and Petroleum | 11.3 | 11.3 | 12.1 | 0.6 | -5.9 | 595.23 | 549.12 | 41.8 | 41.6 | 14.24 | 13.20 |
| Rubber, Plastic & Leather | 16.9 | 16.7 | 17.1 | 1.4 | -1.2 | 428.45 | 385.52 | 41.8 | 39.5 | 10.25 | 9.76 |
| Service Producing | 1,682.3 | 1,673.9 | 1,662.1 | 0.5 | 1.2 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Transp., Comm., & Util. | 109.5 | 108.9 | 110.1 | 0.5 | -0.5 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Transportation | 74.8 | 74.7 | 75.0 | 0.2 | -0.2 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Trucking & Warehousing | 27.6 | 26.8 | 27.9 | 2.8 | -1.1 | 393.87 | 427.35 | 32.1 | 35.0 | 12.27 | 12.21 |
| Communication & Utilities | 34.7 | 34.3 | 35.1 | 1.2 | -1.2 | 684.10 | 617.00 | 40.2 | 39.4 | 16.52 | 15.66 |
| Trade | 524.7 | 516.4 | 526.3 | 1.6 | -0.3 | 255.30 | 239.89 | 30.0 | 29.8 | 8.51 | 8.05 |
| Wholesale | 127.4 | 126.3 | 127.9 | 0.8 | -0.4 | 433.96 | 409.55 | 38.0 | 37.3 | 11.42 | 10.98 |
| Retail | 397.3 | 390.0 | 398.4 | 1.9 | -0.3 | 203.60 | 190.99 | 27.7 | 27.6 | 7.35 | 6.92 |
| Building Materials | 18.8 | 18.6 | 19.1 | 1.2 | -1.4 | 339.46 | 355.15 | 38.4 | 39.2 | 8.84 | 9.06 |
| General Merchandise | 53.7 | 52.8 | 55.6 | 1.6 | -3.5 | 203.46 | 189.29 | 27.2 | 26.4 | 7.48 | 7.17 |
| Food Stores | 57.0 | 55.5 | 55.5 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 224.52 | 200.22 | 28.1 | 28.2 | 7.99 | 7.10 |
| Automotive | 44.1 | 43.6 | 44.0 | 1.3 | 0.3 | 309.40 | 303.81 | 35.0 | 35.7 | 8.84 | 8.51 |
| Apparel | 19.6 | 19.4 | 19.9 | 1.3 | -1.1 | 131.45 | 133.58 | 21.8 | 22.3 | 6.03 | 5.99 |
| Home Furnishings | 15.0 | 14.9 | 15.4 | 1.0 | -2.5 | 297.43 | 283.04 | 32.4 | 32.2 | 9.18 | 8.79 |
| Eating and Drinking | 138.1 | 134.6 | 138.4 | 2.6 | -0.2 | 136.32 | 119.85 | 24.3 | 23.5 | 5.61 | 5.10 |
| Fin., Insur., Real Estate | 127.0 | 125.7 | 124.9 | 1.1 | 1.7 | | | | | | |
| Finance | 57.6 | 57.2 | 56.4 | 0.8 | 2.2 | | | | | | |
| Insurance | 47.3 | 47.1 | 46.6 | 0.6 | 1.5 | | | | | | |
| Real Estate | 22.1 | 21.4 | 21.9 | 2.8 | 0.8 | | | | | | |
| Services | 572.8 | 570.8 | 555.7 | 0.3 | 3.1 | | | | | | |
| Personal Services | 25.3 | 25.1 | 24.8 | 0.7 | 1.8 | | | | | | |
| Business Services | 95.8 | 94.2 | 94.7 | 1.7 | 1.1 | | | | | | |
| Repair Services | 23.7 | 23.4 | 23.4 | 1.0 | 1.2 | | | | | | |
| Health Services | 173.4 | 171.6 | 167.2 | 1.0 | 3.7 | | | | | | |
| Nursing Homes | 44.1 | 43.9 | 43.7 | 0.3 | 0.9 | | | | | | |
| Hospitals | 58.1 | 57.3 | 56.2 | 1.5 | 3.4 | | | | | | |
| Legal Services | 16.4 | 16.0 | 16.1 | 2.6 | 1.9 | | | | | | |
| Private Education | 26.8 | 35.6 | 26.0 | -24.7 | 3.0 | | | | | | |
| Government | 348.3 | 352.1 | 345.1 | -1.1 | 0.9 | | | | | | |
| Federal | 34.4 | 34.0 | 35.8 | 1.3 | -3.9 | | | | | | |
| State | 79.7 | 87.2 | 78.8 | -8.6 | 1.1 | | | | | | |
| Education | 42.0 | 49.6 | 40.9 | -15.3 | 2.7 | | | | | | |
| Local | 234.1 | 230.8 | 230.5 | 1.4 | 1.6 | | | | | | |
| Education | 121.9 | 125.2 | 120.6 | -2.6 | 1.1 | | | | | | |

Note: Not all industry sub-groups are shown for every major industry category.

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2/ Average earnings data are on a "gross" basis and are derived from reports of payroll for full-time and part-time production or non-supervisory workers. The payroll is reported before deductions of any kind. Bonuses, retroactive pay, tips, payment in kind, and "fringe benefits" are excluded.

# Minneapolis-St. Paul MSA

**Minneapolis-St. Paul Area Jobless Rate Drops Unexpectedly**

The unemployment rate for the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area dropped sharply to 4.5% in June, a decrease of 0.6 of a percentage point from May's 5.1%. The drop in the jobless rate for June continued the history of wildly fluctuating figures during the first half of 1991. The metro area unemployment rate has bounced between 4.4 and 5.5% during the first six months of the year, averaging 4.8%, half a percentage point higher than the same period a year ago.

It is quite unusual for the unemployment rate to drop between May and June because students completing the school year typically flood the labor market and are unable to find jobs immediately Over the past 10 years, the jobless rate has risen by an average of 0.4 of a percentage point, and the number of unemployed has increased by an average of 11.7%. This year the number of unemployed workers dropped 10%. Less unemployment is welcome but suspicious because labor market conditions for students have been tighter in 1991 than in many years. Part of the drop in the rate may reflect sampling error in the Current Employment Survey to which our independent labor force estimates are calibrated.

The June survey of area firms showed improvement in the job picture for the third consecutive month. Most of the growth occurred in the service-producing sector. After seasonal adjustment, employment rose significantly in retail trade and services reflecting improvement in consumer spending and higher demand for business services. For example, the number of jobs in the personnel services industry rose again in June, to bring the number of jobs to within 2.3% below a year ago. In January it was 10.1% below the level of a year ago.

The goods-producing sector was up only marginally in June. The number of residential building permits in May was 6.8% above a year ago in the met area heating up the job demand in construction firms engaged in home building. Manufacturing firms also added workers in June but not as many as usual. Still, it was encouraging that the demand was broad-based with only one of the industry groups, industrial machinery, reporting fewer jobs in June than May. Another sign that demand is improving in the manufacturing sector is that the length of the average workweek increased to 40.7 hours in June, the second time in the past three months that the workweek exceeded year ago levels.

Despite growing indications that economic activity is picking up, the local labor market remains very competitive. Job openings listed with the State Job Service Office during the first six months of 1991 are running about 37% behind the number listed during the same time in 1990. Similarly, the Conference Board's Help Wanted Index has shown some increase in recent months, but is still about 20% below a year ago as of May.

*By Bruce Steuernagel*

## Labor Force Estimates

| | Employment | | | Unemployment | | | Unemp. Rate | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | June 1991 | May 1991 | June 1990 | June 1991 | May 1991 | June 1990 | June 1991 | May 1991 | June 1990 |
| Mpls-St. Paul | 1,371,937 | 1,349,118 | 1,356,150 | 64,878 | 72,116 | 60,460 | 4.5 | 5.1 | 4.3 |
| REGION 11 | 1,288,730 | 1,267,076 | 1,272,716 | 60,609 | 66,928 | 56,354 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 4.2 |
| Anoka | 132,540 | 130,313 | 130,893 | 7,199 | 8,238 | 6,757 | 5.2 | 5.9 | 4.9 |
| Carver | 24,696 | 24,281 | 24,389 | 1,023 | 1,218 | 932 | 4.0 | 4.8 | 3.7 |
| Dakota | 145,144 | 142,705 | 143,340 | 6,837 | 7,348 | 5,698 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 3.8 |
| Hennepin | 609,774 | 599,528 | 602,197 | 29,038 | 31,392 | 27,154 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 4.3 |
| Ramsey | 272,682 | 268,101 | 269,294 | 12,028 | 13,471 | 11,524 | 4.2 | 4.8 | 4.1 |
| Scott | 29,199 | 28,708 | 28,836 | 1,482 | 1,710 | 1,212 | 4.8 | 5.6 | 4.0 |
| Washington | 74,695 | 73,440 | 73,767 | 3,002 | 3,551 | 2,977 | 3.9 | 4.6 | 3.9 |
| Chisago | 14,249 | 14,009 | 14,072 | 807 | 1,004 | 931 | 5.4 | 6.7 | 6.2 |
| Isanti | 12,065 | 11,862 | 11,915 | 826 | 1,024 | 686 | 6.4 | 7.9 | 5.4 |
| Wright | 33,000 | 32,446 | 32,590 | 1,884 | 2,298 | 1,641 | 5.4 | 6.6 | 4.8 |
| St. Croix, WI | 23,894 | 23,725 | 24,857 | 754 | 862 | 846 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 3.3 |
| Bloomington | 57,166 | 56,206 | 56,456 | 2,608 | 2,867 | 2,528 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 4.3 |
| Minneapolis | 201,091 | 197,712 | 198,593 | 10,857 | 11,423 | 10,478 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 5.0 |
| St. Paul | 140,595 | 138,233 | 138,848 | 7,497 | 8,207 | 7,150 | 5.1 | 5.6 | 4.9 |

# Twin Cities Nonfarm Wage & Salary Jobs, Hours & Earnings

| INDUSTRY | EMPLOYMENT 1/ (thousands) | | | PERCENT CHANGE FROM | | PRODUCTION WORKERS & HOURS & EARNINGS 2/ | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | Average Weekly Earnings | | Average Weekly Hours | | Average Hourly Earnings | |
| | June 1991 | May 1991 | June 1990 | May 1991 | June 1990 | June 1991 | June 1990 | June 1991 | June 1990 | June 1991 | June 1990 |
| Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary | 1,393.6 | 1,378.6 | 1,388.6 | 1.1 | 0.4 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Goods Producing | 307.9 | 302.5 | 317.6 | 1.8 | -3.0 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Mining | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 10.5 | -10.7 | 662.61 | 794.44 | 39.0 | 47.6 | 16.99 | 16.69 |
| Construction | 50.7 | 47.5 | 54.2 | 6.7 | -6.4 | 754.80 | 671.81 | 40.0 | 37.7 | 18.87 | 17.82 |
| Manufacturing | 256.6 | 254.5 | 262.8 | 0.9 | -2.3 | 498.17 | 476.37 | 40.7 | 40.2 | 12.24 | 11.85 |
| Durable Goods | 150.0 | 149.1 | 156.8 | 0.6 | -4.4 | 515.39 | 488.84 | 41.1 | 40.5 | 12.54 | 12.07 |
| Lumber and Furniture | 10.0 | 9.4 | 10.0 | 6.3 | -0.4 | 598.16 | 563.09 | 41.8 | 38.7 | 14.31 | 14.55 |
| Stone, Clay and Glass | 2.9 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 5.2 | -2.5 | 485.50 | 523.26 | 39.6 | 40.5 | 12.26 | 12.92 |
| Primary Metals | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 1.8 | -2.7 | 508.15 | 456.62 | 42.1 | 41.7 | 12.07 | 10.95 |
| Fabricated Metals | 25.3 | 25.3 | 26.2 | 0.0 | -3.5 | 540.06 | 513.95 | 41.8 | 42.3 | 12.92 | 12.15 |
| Industrial Machinery | 50.6 | 50.9 | 54.2 | -0.6 | -6.7 | 549.17 | 509.39 | 40.8 | 40.3 | 13.46 | 12.64 |
| Office and Computing | 20.8 | 20.7 | 22.8 | 0.3 | -8.8 | 607.38 | 589.31 | 40.6 | 43.3 | 14.96 | 13.61 |
| Electronic Equipment | 18.1 | 18.0 | 18.8 | 0.4 | -4.1 | 434.48 | 393.43 | 41.3 | 38.8 | 10.52 | 10.14 |
| Transportation Equipment | 4.9 | 4.9 | 5.7 | 0.4 | -15.0 | 654.17 | 656.35 | 41.8 | 42.4 | 15.65 | 15.48 |
| Instruments and Related | 29.7 | 29.4 | 29.8 | 0.8 | -0.5 | 454.98 | 448.78 | 41.1 | 41.4 | 11.07 | 10.84 |
| Misc. Manufacturing | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 0.5 | -6.9 | 434.12 | 463.05 | 37.2 | 37.8 | 11.67 | 12.25 |
| Nondurable Goods | 106.7 | 105.3 | 106.0 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 473.20 | 460.09 | 40.0 | 39.8 | 11.83 | 11.56 |
| Food & Beverage Products | 19.1 | 18.8 | 18.7 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 492.47 | 477.73 | 42.2 | 43.0 | 11.67 | 11.11 |
| Paper Products | 26.7 | 26.2 | 26.4 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 504.30 | 484.81 | 40.9 | 40.2 | 12.33 | 12.06 |
| Printing and Publishing | 37.7 | 37.4 | 36.9 | 0.7 | 2.3 | 426.00 | 443.51 | 37.5 | 38.3 | 11.36 | 11.58 |
| Chemicals and Petroleum | 9.9 | 9.8 | 10.1 | 1.0 | -1.8 | 652.41 | 606.10 | 42.2 | 41.8 | 15.46 | 14.50 |
| Rubber and Plastic | 11.1 | 11.0 | 11.3 | 1.0 | -1.5 | 449.43 | 402.58 | 42.2 | 39.2 | 10.65 | 10.27 |
| Service Producing | 1,085.7 | 1,076.1 | 1,071.0 | 0.9 | 1.4 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Transp. Comm., & Util. | 76.5 | 75.9 | 77.8 | 0.7 | -1.6 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Transportation | 55.1 | 54.7 | 56.0 | 0.7 | -1.6 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Trucking & Warehousing | 16.7 | 16.4 | 17.6 | 1.9 | -4.9 | 373.10 | 422.18 | 28.9 | 33.4 | 12.91 | 12.64 |
| Communication & Utilities | 21.4 | 21.3 | 21.8 | 0.7 | -1.7 | 652.05 | 606.84 | 40.3 | 39.0 | 16.18 | 15.56 |
| Trade | 331.5 | 326.2 | 333.4 | 1.6 | -0.6 | 285.09 | 271.20 | 30.2 | 30.0 | 9.44 | 9.04 |
| Wholesale | 84.5 | 83.5 | 85.2 | 1.2 | -0.8 | 484.22 | 457.03 | 37.8 | 37.4 | 12.81 | 12.22 |
| Retail | 247.0 | 242.7 | 248.3 | 1.8 | -0.5 | 224.60 | 215.17 | 27.9 | 27.8 | 8.05 | 7.74 |
| Building Materials | 10.9 | 10.9 | 11.2 | 0.5 | -2.0 | 390.75 | 426.66 | 37.5 | 40.1 | 10.42 | 10.64 |
| General Merchandise | 37.7 | 36.9 | 39.3 | 2.2 | -4.0 | 223.03 | 211.46 | 27.5 | 26.7 | 8.11 | 7.92 |
| Food Stores | 30.8 | 30.1 | 30.2 | 2.5 | 2.0 | 271.56 | 266.41 | 29.2 | 29.7 | 9.30 | 8.97 |
| Automotive | 25.6 | 25.3 | 25.2 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 353.77 | 340.86 | 37.2 | 36.3 | 9.51 | 9.39 |
| Apparel | 13.2 | 13.0 | 13.2 | 1.2 | -0.4 | 128.52 | 134.94 | 21.0 | 21.8 | 6.12 | 6.19 |
| Home Furnishings | 10.2 | 10.1 | 10.7 | 0.8 | -4.6 | 365.31 | 317.00 | 33.7 | 31.7 | 10.84 | 10.00 |
| Eating and Drinking | 86.7 | 84.6 | 86.9 | 2.5 | -0.2 | 150.28 | 132.31 | 24.2 | 23.5 | 6.21 | 5.63 |
| Fin., Insur., Real Estate | 99.0 | 98.0 | 97.3 | 1.0 | 1.8 | | | | | | |
| Finance | 41.7 | 41.3 | 40.7 | 0.8 | 2.3 | | | | | | |
| Insurance | 39.5 | 39.3 | 38.9 | 0.4 | 1.4 | | | | | | |
| Real Estate | 17.9 | 17.4 | 17.6 | 2.9 | 1.5 | | | | | | |
| Services | 384.6 | 382.3 | 371.6 | 0.6 | 3.5 | | | | | | |
| Personal Services | 17.9 | 17.8 | 17.7 | 0.8 | 1.1 | | | | | | |
| Business Services | 82.5 | 81.2 | 81.3 | 1.6 | 1.5 | | | | | | |
| Repair Services | 17.4 | 17.2 | 17.2 | 0.9 | 0.9 | | | | | | |
| Health Services | 98.1 | 97.3 | 94.3 | 0.8 | 4.0 | | | | | | |
| Nursing Homes | 22.8 | 22.8 | 22.7 | -0.1 | 0.2 | | | | | | |
| Hospitals | 34.4 | 34.1 | 33.4 | 0.6 | 2.9 | | | | | | |
| Legal Services | 13.5 | 13.2 | 13.0 | 2.2 | 3.6 | | | | | | |
| Private Education | 15.8 | 19.6 | 15.6 | -19.7 | 1.2 | | | | | | |
| Government | 194.0 | 193.7 | 191.0 | 0.2 | 1.6 | | | | | | |
| Federal | 21.4 | 21.2 | 22.4 | 0.7 | -4.8 | | | | | | |
| State | 54.4 | 56.1 | 53.7 | -2.9 | 1.3 | | | | | | |
| Education | 30.5 | 32.2 | 29.6 | -5.1 | 2.9 | | | | | | |
| Local | 118.2 | 116.4 | 114.8 | 1.5 | 3.0 | | | | | | |
| Education | 62.0 | 63.5 | 60.2 | -2.5 | 2.9 | | | | | | |

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## Labor Force Estimates

| | Employment | | | Unemployment | | | Unemp. Rate | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | June 1991 | May 1991 | June 1990 | June 1991 | May 1991 | June 1990 | June 1991 | May 1991 | June 1990 |
| REGION 6W | 26,973 | 25,931 | 24,862 | 1,025 | 1,115 | 921 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 3.6 |
| Big Stone | 3,147 | 3,050 | 2,876 | 99 | 157 | 121 | 3.0 | 4.9 | 4.0 |
| Chippewa | 7,689 | 7,295 | 7,236 | 299 | 316 | 266 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 3.5 |
| Lac Qui Parle | 4,616 | 4,451 | 4,112 | 141 | 99 | 120 | 3.0 | 2.2 | 2.8 |
| Swift | 5,225 | 5,042 | 4,820 | 268 | 320 | 231 | 4.9 | 6.0 | 4.6 |
| Yellow Med. | 6,296 | 6,093 | 5,818 | 218 | 223 | 183 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.0 |
| REGION 8 | 68,341 | 65,928 | 61,878 | 2,477 | 2,519 | 2,814 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 4.3 |
| Cottonwood | 6,418 | 6,472 | 5,930 | 415 | 370 | 562 | 6.1 | 5.4 | 8.7 |
| Jackson | 6,204 | 6,002 | 5,611 | 308 | 299 | 321 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 5.4 |
| Lincoln | 3,742 | 3,557 | 3,218 | 142 | 149 | 138 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 4.1 |
| Lyon | 13,952 | 13,604 | 12,637 | 445 | 506 | 436 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 3.3 |
| Murray | 5,530 | 5,312 | 4,893 | 156 | 190 | 206 | 2.7 | 3.5 | 4.0 |
| Nobles | 13,025 | 12,270 | 12,005 | 397 | 337 | 409 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 3.3 |
| Pipestone | 5,597 | 5,378 | 5,221 | 191 | 227 | 298 | 3.3 | 4.0 | 5.4 |
| Redwood | 8,382 | 8,050 | 7,578 | 274 | 301 | 284 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.6 |
| Rock | 5,491 | 5,283 | 4,785 | 149 | 140 | 160 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 3.2 |
| REGION 9 | 119,899 | 115,529 | 111,640 | 5,198 | 6,038 | 4,182 | 4.2 | 5.0 | 3.6 |
| Blue Earth | 29,331 | 29,312 | 27,787 | 1,030 | 1,131 | 894 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.1 |
| Brown | 15,383 | 14,689 | 14,223 | 555 | 650 | 551 | 3.5 | 4.2 | 3.7 |
| Faribault | 8,730 | 7,984 | 7,973 | 462 | 595 | 331 | 5.0 | 6.9 | 4.0 |
| LeSueur | 12,424 | 11,196 | 11,625 | 716 | 983 | 549 | 5.4 | 8.1 | 4.5 |
| Martin | 12,546 | 12,091 | 11,831 | 867 | 993 | 534 | 6.5 | 7.6 | 4.3 |
| Nicollet | 16,011 | 16,001 | 15,168 | 540 | 538 | 494 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.2 |
| Sibley | 7,787 | 7,330 | 6,990 | 306 | 374 | 278 | 3.8 | 4.9 | 3.8 |
| Waseca | 10,991 | 10,589 | 9,763 | 392 | 466 | 326 | 3.4 | 4.2 | 3.2 |
| Watonwan | 6,696 | 6,337 | 6,280 | 330 | 308 | 225 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 3.5 |
| REGION 10 | 237,366 | 231,772 | 225,282 | 9,906 | 11,492 | 9,808 | 4.0 | 4.7 | 4.2 |
| Dodge | 8,441 | 8,346 | 8,182 | 408 | 500 | 351 | 4.6 | 5.7 | 4.1 |
| Fillmore | 11,197 | 10,702 | 9,910 | 557 | 675 | 491 | 4.7 | 5.9 | 4.7 |
| Freeborn | 16,721 | 16,222 | 15,401 | 935 | 1,100 | 2,072 | 5.3 | 6.4 | 11.9 |
| Goodhue | 22,665 | 22,284 | 21,341 | 825 | 989 | 747 | 3.5 | 4.2 | 3.4 |
| Houston | 10,197 | 9,896 | 9,604 | 395 | 502 | 313 | 3.7 | 4.8 | 3.2 |
| Mower | 19,150 | 18,667 | 17,679 | 678 | 811 | 748 | 3.4 | 4.2 | 4.1 |
| Olmsted | 65,481 | 64,346 | 63,656 | 2,203 | 2,333 | 2,036 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.1 |
| Rice | 29,473 | 28,521 | 28,116 | 1,287 | 1,548 | 963 | 4.2 | 5.1 | 3.3 |
| Steele | 17,172 | 16,868 | 16,233 | 741 | 933 | 560 | 4.1 | 5.2 | 3.4 |
| Wabasha | 9,684 | 9,158 | 9,006 | 527 | 621 | 426 | 5.2 | 6.4 | 4.5 |
| Winona | 27,185 | 26,762 | 26,154 | 1,350 | 1,480 | 1,081 | 4.7 | 5.2 | 4.0 |
| Rochester Cty | 40,739 | 40,033 | 39,604 | 1,683 | 1,695 | 1,469 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 3.6 |

## Rochester MSA Nonfarm Wage & Salary Jobs

| Industry | Employment | | | % Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | June 1991 | May 1991 | June 1990 | Month Ago | Year Ago |
| Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary | 68,008 | 67,266 | 66,994 | 1.1 | 1.5 |
| Goods Producing | 14,642 | 14,071 | 14,777 | 4.1 | -0.9 |
| Construction and Mining | 2,386 | 2,262 | 2,439 | 5.5 | -2.2 |
| Manufacturing | 12,256 | 11,809 | 12,338 | 3.8 | -0.7 |
| Durable Goods | 10,072 | 9,912 | 10,394 | 1.6 | -3.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 2,184 | 1,897 | 1,944 | 15.1 | 12.3 |
| Service Producing | 53,366 | 53,195 | 52,217 | 0.3 | 2.2 |
| Transp., Comm., & Util. | 1,934 | 1,898 | 1,891 | 1.9 | 2.3 |
| Trade | 13,569 | 13,377 | 13,520 | 1.4 | 0.4 |
| Wholesale | 1,665 | 1,662 | 1,661 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Retail | 11,904 | 11,715 | 11,859 | 1.6 | 0.4 |
| Finan., Insur., & Re. Estate | 1,811 | 1,797 | 1,807 | 0.8 | 0.2 |
| Services | 29,184 | 28,990 | 28,120 | 0.7 | 3.8 |
| Health | 19,661 | 19,503 | 18,931 | 0.8 | 3.9 |
| Other Services | 9,523 | 9,487 | 9,189 | 0.4 | 3.6 |
| Government | 6,868 | 7,133 | 6,879 | -3.7 | -0.2 |

### Job Expansion And Lower Unemployment Rates Indicate Recovery From Recessionary Pressures

Employment continued to rise in southern Minnesota during June. While the monthly change was seasonal, the increase over June 1990 strongly suggests a real and substantive job increase. While employment was growing, unemployment rates dropped seasonally over the month to hover slightly above or below last June's rates, depending on the region.

In the Rochester MSA employment reached its highest level ever at 65,481, a 1.7% gain over May's level, and 2.9% over June of 1990.

The survey of nonfarm payroll jobs (establishment based) confirms the yearly and monthly rise, although smaller at 1.5% or 1,014 jobs, over the year, and 1.1% over May.

Over the year, the goods producers, construction/mining and manufacturing, had fewer jobs than last June, although the nondurable goods producing component of manufacturing had 12.3% more workers owing to seasonal hiring in a cannery.

Payroll jobs also grew slower than total employment over the month. The fastest job gainer was nondurable goods manufacturing which rose 15.1% and added 287 jobs, most of which were the above mentioned seasonal cannery workers. Gains in other industries were small, including construction/mining's 5.5% rise. Retail trade jobs finally began to pick up after remaining dormant following the drop in February. In June, 189 retail trade jobs were added for a 1.6% increase. Government dropped 3.7% over the month when the school year ended.

*By Ron Daws*

# Central and Northwest Minnesota

## Labor Force Estimates

| | Employment | | | Unemployment | | | Unemp. Rate | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | JUNE 1991 | MAY 1991 | JUNE 1990 | JUNE 1991 | MAY 1991 | JUNE 1990 | JUNE 1991 | MAY 1991 | JUNE 1990 |
| REGION 1 | 44,966 | 43,379 | 42,270 | 3,293 | 4,099 | 2,971 | 6.8 | 8.6 | 6.6 |
| Kittson | 2,879 | 2,753 | 2,483 | 171 | 221 | 185 | 5.6 | 7.4 | 6.9 |
| Marshall | 5,056 | 4,978 | 4,490 | 577 | 689 | 511 | 10.2 | 12.2 | 10.2 |
| Norman | 3,810 | 3,723 | 3,584 | 261 | 349 | 215 | 6.4 | 8.6 | 5.7 |
| Pennington | 6,832 | 6,708 | 6,633 | 574 | 691 | 444 | 7.8 | 9.3 | 6.3 |
| Polk | 15,136 | 14,333 | 14,246 | 1,153 | 1,453 | 1,111 | 7.1 | 9.2 | 7.2 |
| Red Lake | 1,619 | 1,604 | 1,474 | 244 | 289 | 231 | 13.1 | 15.3 | 13.5 |
| Roseau | 9,634 | 9,280 | 9,360 | 313 | 407 | 274 | 3.1 | 4.2 | 2.8 |
| REGION 2 | 33,738 | 33,741 | 31,810 | 2,403 | 2,952 | 2,280 | 6.6 | 8.2 | 6.7 |
| Beltrami | 17,578 | 17,271 | 16,545 | 1,093 | 1,344 | 961 | 5.9 | 7.2 | 5.5 |
| Clearwater | 3,402 | 3,566 | 3,356 | 514 | 611 | 444 | 13.1 | 14.6 | 11.6 |
| Hubbard | 7,833 | 7,558 | 7,462 | 495 | 640 | 620 | 5.9 | 7.8 | 7.7 |
| Lake of Woods | 2,431 | 2,258 | 2,130 | 54 | 93 | 60 | 2.2 | 4.0 | 2.7 |
| Mahnomen | 2,494 | 2,588 | 2,277 | 241 | 264 | 195 | 8.8 | 9.3 | 7.9 |
| REGION 4 | 104,846 | 102,073 | 99,254 | 4,674 | 5,923 | 4,629 | 4.3 | 5.5 | 4.5 |
| Becker | 14,799 | 14,220 | 14,249 | 949 | 1,073 | 868 | 6.0 | 7.0 | 5.7 |
| Clay | 25,547 | 25,637 | 24,910 | 1,004 | 1,292 | 958 | 3.8 | 4.8 | 3.7 |
| Douglas | 16,398 | 15,970 | 15,577 | 681 | 890 | 690 | 4.0 | 5.3 | 4.2 |
| Grant | 3,356 | 3,204 | 2,949 | 137 | 178 | 180 | 3.9 | 5.3 | 5.8 |
| Otter Tail | 27,909 | 26,791 | 25,758 | 1,272 | 1,711 | 1,262 | 4.4 | 6.0 | 4.7 |
| Pope | 5,127 | 4,934 | 4,656 | 266 | 330 | 266 | 4.9 | 6.2 | 5.4 |
| Stevens | 5,812 | 5,550 | 5,389 | 104 | 134 | 143 | 1.8 | 2.4 | 2.6 |
| Traverse | 2,349 | 2,212 | 2,167 | 90 | 107 | 86 | 3.7 | 4.6 | 3.6 |
| Wilkin | 3,549 | 3,495 | 3,599 | 171 | 208 | 156 | 4.6 | 5.6 | 4.2 |
| REGION 5 | 66,616 | 63,886 | 61,959 | 4,276 | 5,235 | 4,085 | 6.0 | 7.6 | 6.2 |
| Cass | 10,418 | 9,784 | 9,339 | 788 | 962 | 753 | 7.0 | 9.0 | 7.5 |
| Crow Wing | 24,413 | 23,294 | 23,367 | 1,235 | 1,556 | 1,193 | 4.8 | 6.3 | 4.9 |
| Morrison | 14,971 | 14,395 | 13,917 | 1,181 | 1,329 | 960 | 7.3 | 8.5 | 6.5 |
| Todd | 11,685 | 11,304 | 10,524 | 709 | 919 | 742 | 5.7 | 7.5 | 6.6 |
| Wadena | 5,129 | 5,109 | 4,812 | 363 | 469 | 437 | 6.6 | 8.4 | 8.3 |
| REGION 6E | 60,131 | 57,737 | 55,254 | 2,939 | 3,567 | 2,720 | 4.7 | 5.8 | 4.7 |
| Kandiyohi | 22,058 | 21,520 | 20,410 | 833 | 1,016 | 720 | 3.6 | 4.5 | 3.4 |
| McLeod | 18,549 | 17,443 | 17,254 | 806 | 1,009 | 835 | 4.2 | 5.4 | 4.6 |
| Meeker | 9,293 | 8,980 | 8,630 | 850 | 972 | 604 | 8.4 | 9.8 | 6.5 |
| Renville | 10,231 | 9,794 | 8,960 | 450 | 576 | 561 | 4.2 | 5.6 | 5.9 |
| REGION 7E | 53,269 | 52,611 | 51,550 | 3,657 | 4,633 | 3,459 | 6.4 | 8.1 | 6.3 |
| Chisago | 14,249 | 14,009 | 14,072 | 807 | 1,004 | 931 | 5.4 | 6.7 | 6.2 |
| Isanti | 12,065 | 11,862 | 11,915 | 826 | 1,024 | 686 | 6.4 | 7.9 | 5.4 |
| Kanabec | 5,812 | 5,686 | 5,406 | 562 | 755 | 546 | 8.8 | 11.7 | 9.2 |
| Mille Lacs | 10,785 | 10,586 | 10,417 | 674 | 822 | 521 | 5.9 | 7.2 | 4.8 |
| Pine | 10,358 | 10,468 | 9,740 | 788 | 1,028 | 775 | 7.1 | 8.9 | 7.4 |
| REGION 7W | 132,355 | 131,735 | 127,796 | 7,698 | 9,153 | 7,098 | 5.5 | 6.5 | 5.3 |
| Benton | 15,669 | 15,659 | 15,015 | 962 | 1,116 | 926 | 5.8 | 6.7 | 5.8 |
| Sherburne | 19,257 | 19,244 | 18,453 | 1,319 | 1,672 | 1,135 | 6.4 | 8.0 | 5.8 |
| Stearns | 64,429 | 64,386 | 61,738 | 3,533 | 4,067 | 3,396 | 5.2 | 5.9 | 5.2 |
| Wright | 33,000 | 32,446 | 32,590 | 1,884 | 2,298 | 1,641 | 5.4 | 6.6 | 4.8 |
| St. Cloud MSA | 99,356 | 99,289 | 95,205 | 5,814 | 6,855 | 5,436 | 5.5 | 6.5 | 5.4 |

## St. Cloud MSA Nonfarm Wage & Salary Jobs

| Industry | Employment | | | % Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | June 1991 | May 1991 | June 1990 | Month Ago | Year Ago |
| Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary | 79,741 | 80,554 | 78,504 | -1.0 | 1.6 |
| Goods Producing | 19,242 | 18,089 | 19,280 | 6.4 | -0.2 |
| Construction and Mining | 3,905 | 3,286 | 4,289 | 18.8 | -8.9 |
| Manufacturing | 15,333 | 14,803 | 14,991 | 3.6 | 2.3 |
| Durable Goods | 8,564 | 8,643 | 8,586 | -0.9 | -0.3 |
| Nondurable Goods | 6,769 | 6,160 | 6,405 | 9.9 | 5.7 |
| Service Producing | 60,499 | 62,465 | 59,224 | -3.1 | 2.2 |
| Transp., Comm., & Util. | 4,193 | 4,079 | 3,966 | 2.8 | 5.7 |
| Trade | 23,617 | 23,293 | 23,155 | 1.4 | 2.0 |
| Wholesale | 3,716 | 3,691 | 3,834 | 0.7 | -3.1 |
| Retail | 19,901 | 19,602 | 19,321 | 1.5 | 3.0 |
| Finan., Insur., & Re. Estate | 2,547 | 2,551 | 2,442 | -0.2 | 4.3 |
| Services | 17,762 | 18,716 | 17,294 | -5.1 | 2.7 |
| Health | 6,264 | 6,234 | 5,760 | 0.5 | 8.8 |
| Other Services | 11,478 | 12,482 | 11,534 | -8.0 | -0.5 |
| Government | 12,380 | 13,826 | 12,367 | -10.5 | 0.1 |

### While Jobs Continue to Grow, Unemployment Rates Drop To About Last June's Levels

Evidence that the recession is petering out can be seen in June unemployment rates that dropped enough to look similar to last June's, and in employment that topped last month's and last June's in every region.

In the St. Cloud MSA the jobless rate dropped a full percentage point--from 6.5% in May to 5.5% in June. The rate occasionally drops in June, but most often it rises because many students search for jobs when the school year ends. Although employment rose only slightly over May, 99,356 working residents in the MSA is an all-time record--enough jobs to satisfy most job seekers. Last June employment was 4,150 lower (-4.2%).

The estimate of nonfarm payroll jobs (employer based and therefore reflecting the effects if net commuting and multiple job holding) in the St. Cloud MSA paints a less rosy picture than the total employment data does. Jobs increased over the year, but only 1.6% or by 1,237. Job gains were held back by construction/ mining's 8.9% drop (380 jobs) and minor losses in nondurable goods manufacturing, wholesale trade and nonmedical services.

Over the month, rather than rising slightly as total employment suggests, payroll job data shows a 1.0% drop, or 813 fewer positions. The biggest loss since May was the 1,446 government jobs when school let out. Nonmedical services also cut jobs--about eight percent or 1,000 of them. All other industries added modest numbers of jobs over the month except construction/mining which added 623 jobs, nearly one-fifth more.

*By Ron Daws*

# Northeast Minnesota

**Unemployment Rates Drop Over The Month Not Shared By Duluth**

Region 3's unemployment rate dropped from 8.3% in May to 7.0% in June, but it still remains higher than June 1990's 6.2%.

In Duluth the rate rose from 6.3% in May to 6.4% in June, well above last June's 4.9%. Still, Duluth's unemployment rate for the first six months of 1991 has averaged only one-half a percent over the 5.5% average for the first half of 1990. Even though jobs are being created in Duluth, they rose only one percent over the month and year, slower than in most other parts of the state. This suggests that economic recovery is progressing slower in Duluth than in other state metro areas.

Duluth's nonfarm payroll data, establishment-based and reflecting considerable in-commuting and some multiple job holding, shows even fewer job gains than do the total employment figures which are an estimate of Duluth residents who work. Payroll data shows that jobs increased only 0.5% over the month and dropped slightly over the year.

The job increase since May was due basically to construction/mining (up 8.6%) and health services (up 3.9%) which offset the 3.5% loss in government when the school year ended

The slight drop in Duluth's payroll jobs since last June was caused by the disturbing 5.5% decrease (576 jobs) in retail trade. Consumers still aren't confident that they can buy much more than necessities. Besides retail trade, government and transportation/utilities employment also dropped over the year.

*By Ron Daws*

## Labor Force Estimates

| | Employment | | | Unemployment | | | Unemp. Rate | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | June 1991 | May 1991 | June 1990 | June 1991 | May 1991 | June 1990 | June 1991 | May 1991 | June 1990 |
| REGION 3 | 143,017 | 140,095 | 142,396 | 10,760 | 12,747 | 9,419 | 7.0 | 8.3 | 6.2 |
| Aitkin | 5,663 | 5,653 | 5,048 | 514 | 671 | 484 | 8.3 | 10.6 | 8.7 |
| Carlton | 12,567 | 12,283 | 12,458 | 967 | 1,210 | 898 | 7.1 | 9.0 | 6.7 |
| Cook | 3,248 | 2,867 | 3,031 | 124 | 171 | 145 | 3.7 | 5.6 | 4.6 |
| Itasca | 17,599 | 16,987 | 17,375 | 1,765 | 2,073 | 1,638 | 9.1 | 10.9 | 8.6 |
| Koochiching | 9,425 | 9,041 | 11,045 | 883 | 1,139 | 514 | 8.6 | 11.2 | 4.4 |
| Lake | 4,911 | 4,499 | 4,641 | 422 | 498 | 289 | 7.9 | 10.0 | 5.9 |
| St. Louis | 89,604 | 88,765 | 88,798 | 6,085 | 6,985 | 5,451 | 6.4 | 7.3 | 5.8 |
| City of Duluth | 38,901 | 38,536 | 38,551 | 2,638 | 2,592 | 1,995 | 6.4 | 6.3 | 4.9 |
| Balance St. Louis | 50,703 | 50,229 | 50,247 | 3,447 | 4,393 | 3,456 | 6.4 | 8.0 | 6.4 |

## Duluth & Duluth Superior MSA Nonfarm Wage & Salary Jobs

| Industry | DULUTH | | | | | DULUTH SUPERIOR | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Employment | | | % Change From | | Employment | | | % Change From | |
| | June 1991 | May 1991 | June 1990 | Month Ago | Year Ago | June 1991 | May 1991 | June 1990 | Month Ago | Year Ago |
| Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary | 50,189 | 49,933 | 50,325 | 0.5 | -0.3 | 99,194 | 98,685 | 99,162 | 0.5 | 0.0 |
| Goods Producing | 6,247 | 6,044 | 6,089 | 3.4 | 2.6 | 18,458 | 17,870 | 18,125 | 3.3 | 1.8 |
| Mining | Small, combined with construction | | | | | 5,479 | 5,419 | 5,432 | 1.1 | 0.9 |
| Construction | 1,968 | 1,812 | 1,925 | 8.6 | 2.2 | 3,849 | 3,432 | 4,057 | 12.2 | -5.1 |
| Manufacturing | 4,279 | 4,232 | 4,164 | 1.1 | 2.8 | 9,130 | 9,019 | 8,636 | 1.2 | 5.7 |
| Durable Goods | 1,644 | 1,611 | 1,598 | 2.0 | 2.9 | 4,805 | 4,747 | 4,564 | 1.2 | 5.3 |
| Nondurable Goods | 2,635 | 2,621 | 2,566 | 0.5 | 2.7 | 4,325 | 4,272 | 4,072 | 1.2 | 6.2 |
| Service Producing | 43,942 | 43,889 | 44,236 | 0.1 | -0.7 | 80,736 | 80,815 | 81,037 | -0.1 | -0.4 |
| Transp., Comm., & Util. | 3,048 | 3,008 | 3,169 | 1.3 | -3.8 | 5,947 | 5,851 | 6,159 | 1.6 | -3.4 |
| Trade | 11,728 | 11,617 | 12,221 | 1.0 | -4.0 | 23,884 | 23,775 | 25,249 | 0.5 | -5.4 |
| Wholesale | 1,887 | 1,896 | 1,804 | -0.5 | 4.6 | 3,903 | 3,954 | 3,943 | -1.3 | -1.0 |
| Retail | 9,841 | 9,721 | 10,417 | 1.2 | -5.5 | 19,981 | 19,821 | 21,306 | 0.8 | -6.2 |
| Finan., Insur., & Re. Estate | 1,992 | 1,992 | 1,970 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 3,330 | 3,315 | 3,228 | 0.5 | 3.2 |
| Services | 15,251 | 14,922 | 14,712 | 2.2 | 3.7 | 25,498 | 25,047 | 24,976 | 1.8 | 2.1 |
| Health | 6,344 | 6,106 | 6,007 | 3.9 | 5.6 | 10,223 | 9,932 | 9,798 | 2.9 | 4.3 |
| Other Services | 8,907 | 8,816 | 8,705 | 1.0 | 2.3 | 15,275 | 15,115 | 15,178 | 1.1 | 0.6 |
| Government | 11,923 | 12,350 | 12,164 | -3.5 | -2.0 | 22,077 | 22,827 | 21,425 | -3.3 | 3.0 |

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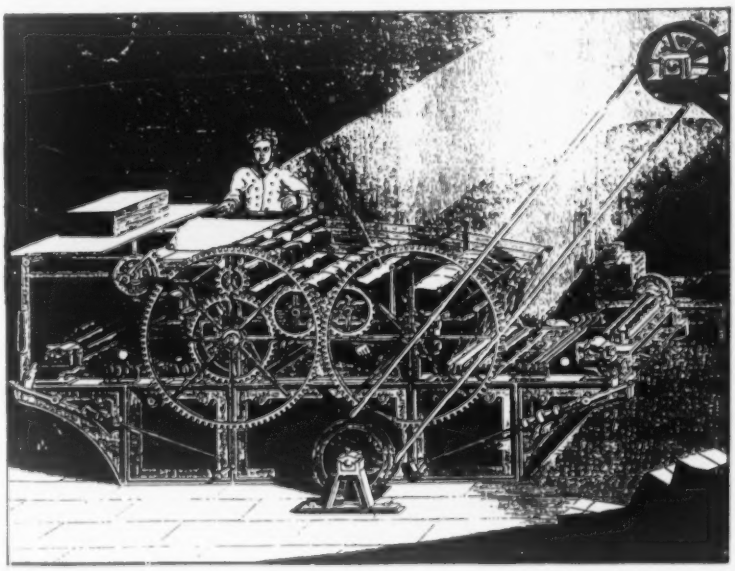

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